The Kaumakapili Church Mission Statement

Kaumakapili Church, thankful for the gifts received from God, founded in 1838 for the maka’āinana, the common folk, rich in Hawaiian tradition and diverse backgrounds, bounded in covenant with all in the United Church of Christ, led by the Spirit, declares its mission to glorify God by bearing the fruits of God's aloha and gifts, and so proving to be faithful disciples of Christ, who are equipped for the work of the ministry of proclaiming the good news for all people: by witnessing in word and deed, by serving in love and justice, and by sharing in the common life of the Body of Christ.
In the Community...

Report from the Community: Princess Victoria Kaʻiulani Elementary School

October was a busy month at Kaʻiulani Elementary.

On Princess Kaʻiulani’s birthday, Sunday October 16, the fifth graders and cheerleaders performed hula and presented hoʻokuʻu at the Princess Kaʻiulani statue and at the ‘Ohana Waikīkī East. If we were looking, those of us in the choir could see them returning to school afterward to be picked up by their parents.

On October 21, the whole school was involved in their Annual Kaʻiulani Day celebration. All students in every grade level danced and/or sang. I saw two of our own Sunday School students, Charles and Kingston perform with their classes and they did a wonderful job. The Kaʻiulani Cheerleaders also did cheer and hula. The Royal Hawaiian Band provided prelude and instrumental music. The Ahahui Kaʻiulani was represented by Coline Aiu, who handed out awards to students who played leading roles in the day’s activities with artwork, written compositions, and emceeing. I was so impressed by the level of participation by everyone in the school community and the high quality performances by the children. When I complimented Principal Puletasi, she said, “It is our honor to be at this school. This is one way we can repay that honor.”

The fifth graders also attended a celebration at The Princess Kaʻiulani Hotel on October 24 to present song and hula to the guests, in honor of the Princess.

Finally, on October 25, they had their twice annual Town Hall meeting for the families of Kaʻiulani Elementary. The primary purpose is to present necessary information to the school community, but Principal Puletasi and the School Community Council always want to make sure it is fun too. So after learning about test scores and necessary information on the sewer system, everyone was rewarded to 2 family learning activities! We are blessed to have such a wonderful school in our community!
BOARD OF STEWARDSHIP
Stewardship Drive Kick-Off Luncheon

Stewardship Sunday is coming up on November 13th. The Board of Stewardship tried doing things a little different this year: we decided to kick off our drive a few weeks before Stewardship Sunday so that our pledges can be received and blessed in service on that day. Get your pledges in – so your generosity can be blessed on the 13th.

Our Stewardship Kick-Off Luncheon took place on Sunday, October 23rd after church service. Hale Kamika was decorated in the colors of autumn with décor and inspiration on every table – an ambiance created by BOS member, Aunty Myrtle Stewart-Vetekina, with the help of her ‘ohana and friends. Trevor and Titus Maunakea helped set up the visual portion of the program.

Uncle David started things off with grace. The food and fellowship were wonderful as always. The family-style set up made for family-style conversation. Uncle Andy Poepoe told us our pledge situation for this year and encouraged all to continue pledging. We had a special treat with our youth demonstrating their skill at playing the cups under the direction of Chelsea Fernandez and accompanied by Aunty Kaori Martin. If you don’t know what I mean when I say “playing cups”…stay tuned…you will be hearing more!

Andy Poepoe, Chair of the Foundation Committee, receiving a check from Phil Kahue. Poepoe, Chair of the Foundation Committee, receiving a check from Phil Kahue. Phil Kahue, Executive Director, continue its annual support for Kaumakapili Church as we complete this year of 2016, $105,008.

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Last year the last two months in the year were good months for pledge income. In November of 2015 pledge income was $10,367, and in December pledge income was $10,310. This year we are actually doing better than that on a monthly basis, so we might be able to stay ahead of these monthly totals.

If you are able to, please consider adding just a bit to your pledge donation to our church as we complete this year of 2016, mahalo.

Mahalo nui to the Alaka‘ina Foundation.

Trevor and Andy met Phil Kahue this past month to talk story and show Phil around the campus so the foundation could see the work we are engaged in repairing the Hale Kamika after hurricane Darby.

The Alaka‘ina Foundation, through the support of Vaughn Vasconcellos, Principal Advisor, and Phil Kahue, Executive Director, continue its annual support to Kaumakapili Church. Pictured here is Andrew Poepoe, Chair of the Foundation Committee, receiving a check from Phil Kahue.

Amanda Allison, BOS

Although as Chair of the Board of Stewardship, I always stress myself out over the annual luncheon, in the end it is always a kakou thing. I am so grateful to feel so enriched by my Kaumakapili ‘Ohana. We may have a lot that we have to accomplish over the next year as we call a new kahu, but we have many hands and generous hearts.

I would also like to say a special mahalo to BOS helper, Aunty Donna Ede, Uncle David Kaneao, and his helper Kalani who set up the tables and chairs and covered the tables. Mahalo hou to Uncle David and his crew for putting away the tables and chairs.

Amanda Allison, BOS

Pledge Income

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Pledge income news for you continues to be good news. October pledge income totaled $12,697 – this total is the third highest pledge income in a month for this year.

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On October 29th, our Kaumakapili Sunday School families and friends joined us out at Aloun Farms in Kapolei.

We started bright and early at 7:30 a.m. in the pumpkin patch, clearing out the rotten pumpkins and placing them in a pile on the side of the road.

We finished up our duties in the pumpkin patch and headed over to the corn fields. We decided to have a little friendly competition by splitting our large group into three (3) teams to see who could pick the most corn.

The first group picked 35 ears of corn (Yay Aunty Jan’s group!), while the second group pulled in 59 ears (Go Uncle Eric’s group!), but the third group gathered a whopping 64 ears of corn (Congratulations Aunty Chris’ group!). Now we know the secret for next year!!!

We were then called back to the main stage to assist in operating some fun family games (Masked Madness, Treat Street and Pirates in Paradise) with really cool prizes.

The younger kids even had a chance to play the games and take photos with some pretty cool characters. Work Hard! Play Hard! That’s just what these kids did. After their shifts, a few of them enjoyed some of the farm amenities, like riding the mechanical bull, petting the animals at the petting zoo, and horseback riding.

By noon, these guys worked up a hearty appetite. Some Costco pizzas and drinks helped to fix that.

After lunch a few of our Sunday School gang departed for other previous engagements, but the ones that stayed visited the Sunflower fields.

We all had a wonderful time at the farm. Thank you to all of the families and friends that made this year’s alternative to fall festival a memorable one. See you next year!!!